

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST.

Keep your home safe!



Smoke Alarms:

- Install an adequate number of suitable photo optical smoke alarms and test them regularly to ensure they work. Never remove batteries
- Ensure you have a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area.

Fire Blanket and Fire Extinguishers:

- Ensure fire blankets and extinguishers have been placed in a secure area away from cooktop to ensure you are able to access in event of a fire.
- Make a habit of checking your equipment to ensure the gauge is in the green
- Be sure to replace your blanket and extinguisher after use.
- Remove and service annually by turning upside down and giving a little shake

Escape Plan:

- Discuss and draw an escape plan with your children and grandchildren,
- Practise escaping with your children in the dark or with blind fold, get down low and go go go.
- Make sure keys to all locked doors are readily accessible in case you need to escape, Better still don't lock doors with keys.

Kitchen Safety:

- Never leave cook tops on when you leave the kitchen. If you must take a set of tongs or wooden spoon and don't put it down to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep tea-towels and pot-holders away from the stove.
- Keep grills, fans, and cooking surfaces free from grease and oil residue.

Power and Appliances:

- Turn off heaters before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Keep clothing, curtains, or toys at least one meter away from heaters.
- Avoid overloading power boards and replace faulty appliances promptly.
- Use timed power points where power is not required 24/7
- Don't leave laptops or electronic devices to charge constantly, disconnect when charged.
- Don't overcharge devices that use a lithium-ion battery.

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Living Areas:

- Clean chimneys and flues annually.
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Keep candles, incense, and oil burners away from anything flammable, ensuring they are not left unattended.

Bedroom Safety:

- Never smoke in bed.
- Avoid putting excessive weight on the bed while the electric blanket is switched on.
- Keep animals off electric blankets
- Use timed power board for electric blankets.

Mobile Device Charging Safety:

- Use only the charger that came with your device or a certified replacement.
- Don't charge your device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Unplug the charger when not in use to prevent overheating.
- Keep the phone and the charging area free from flammable materials.
- Regularly inspect the device and charger for any damage, such as frayed cables.

Clothes & Laundry:

- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Let the dryer complete its cool-down cycle before stopping.

Remember that smoke from a fire can make you confused, and you won't smell it while asleep. If you've escaped a home fire, stay out and dial Triple Zero (000).

STAY FIRE-SAFE!

